

Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2011



Mayor's Desk

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN

Welcome to our Board Members!

The Village of FRANKLIN PARK

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS
Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.
8-4:30 pm
Wed. 8-6 pm
Sat. 9-12 pm

RAIL ROAD DAZE
JUNE 9-12

TOWN HALL MEETING
JUNE 13 AT 7PM

On May 2, we swore in two new members to the Board of Trustees, Randy Petersen and Bill Ruhl. We also swore in Cheryl McLean who was re-elected to the Board. These dedicated public servants will work with me and our other Board members, Tom Brimie, John Johnson and Rose Rodriguez as we lead Franklin Park into a new era of progress.

Though all communities are facing challenges in these difficult economic times, having a Board of this caliber, along with our talented and hard working staff, will help us weather these economic storms. In the coming months, we will be refining our vision and announcing programs that will attract new investment and employment as well as enhance our quality of life. We will work together to ensure the delivery of quality Village services while respecting our taxpayers.

I look forward to working with this Board as we move our Village forward.

Save the Date! State of the Village

On Monday June 13th, we will present our first Annual State of the Village address. I hope you will consider attending this special evening. We will look at what we have accomplished in the last few months and review our challenges and our successes. Most importantly, we will discuss how we are developing a vision for our future and how we can come together, as a community, to be a healthier, safer and a more prosperous Village.

State of the Village Town Hall Meeting
Monday June 13 • 7-8:30 PM
Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison

Railroad Daze

Each year Franklin Park honors our railroad heritage with a fun-filled family celebration. This year, the Railroad Daze Carnival begins Thursday evening, June 9 and runs through Sunday, June 12.

On Saturday you will once again have a unique opportunity to see one of a kind train

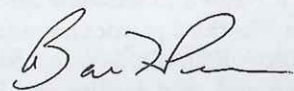


Franklin Park Trustees Randy Petersen, Cheryl McLean and Bill Ruhl at Village Hall.

displays that include train cars from Canadian National, Belt Railway, Amtrak and Metra. Model trains will be on display Saturday only. We will also be able to walk into train cars of the past and get a glimpse of some cars of the future. Children can enjoy the mini-train rides as well. As always, there is no admission charge.

Happy Birthday America!

Don't forget another great summer celebration. The Leyden / Veterans Fireworks (see page 4) will be held at West Leyden High School on Saturday July 2. The gates will open at 6 PM and the firework spectacular will begin at 9:30 PM.


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Railroad Daze The Franklin Park Tradition Returns

The Village of Franklin Park and Mayor Barrett Pedersen invite you to Railroad Daze from Thursday, June 9th through Sunday, June 12 at the B-12 Tower located at Franklin Avenue and Calwagner St.

Attractions include walk-on special and unique train displays, a wide variety of food vendors, a carnival, mini-train rides, a model train display (Saturday, weather permitting) and live music. General Admission for Railroad Daze is FREE!

Seating is available at all major attractions and areas of Railroad Daze. Visitors are encouraged to bring personal lawn chairs and folding chairs as well. During Railroad Daze, visitors are welcome to park at any legal parking space in a lot or on the street anywhere in the Village. Parking for the disabled is available at the Franklin Park Post Office located at 9760 Franklin Avenue.



Chicago's very own, "The Buckingham" will perform at 9PM on Saturday, June 11.

Railroad Daze Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 9th

5PM to 10PM - Carnival (Unlimited Rides for \$20!)

Friday, June 10th

5PM to 11PM - Carnival

6:30PM and 9PM - LIVE MUSIC

9PM We present Maggie Speaks!

Saturday, June 11th

10AM to 3PM - Free Train Viewing One of the largest walk-on train displays in the Midwest! Train cars from CN, Harbor Rail, Belt Railway, Amtrak, Metra and more!

Noon to 11PM - Carnival (Unlimited Rides until 5pm for \$20!)

3PM, 4:15PM and 6:30PM - LIVE MUSIC

9PM We present The Buckingham!

Sunday, June 12th

Noon to 8PM - Carnival (Unlimited Rides for \$20!)

Farmers Market to Open In Our Village



The Village of Franklin Park will launch its own Farmer's Market this summer, on the first and third Saturday of the month, from June through September. Plan to stop by to meet up with friends and neighbors to enjoy the summer weather at the open-air market, which will be held from 8 AM - 2 PM, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6, August 20, September 3 and September 17.

The Franklin Park Farmer's Market will feature fresh produce, flowers and plants. In addition, we hope to add new vendors throughout the summer to include meats, spices, dairy (including cheese), specialty olive oils, jams and jellies, bbq sauces, baked goods, and much more available for purchase.

The Farmer's Market will be located in the parking lot adjacent to 9545 Belmont Avenue (Franklin Park Police Station), at the southeast corner of Belmont and Rose/25th Avenue. Free customer parking is available along the railroad tracks behind the Police Station and the Street Department building.

For more information, please call 847-671- 8278. Hope to see you there!

Relay for Life – Form a Team Now

This year's annual Relay for Life will be held at Hamill Square on July 29th and will kick-off 6PM. The evening will feature plenty of fun-filled activities including a DJ, contests, raffles and speeches.

Teams of walkers will take turns in the relay to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society, walking through the night, until 6AM the next morning. Please come and walk with us so we can all have more birthdays. For more information on how to participate, call Kitty Greenwood at 847-913-2864.



New Businesses Make Franklin Park Home

Franklin Park is pleased to welcome three new businesses to our Village. **Designs in Plastic**, a plastics manufacturer and mold maker is now located at 10915 Franklin Avenue. **Showtime Fitness Inc.** is a private health club and gym facility and is in operation at 9100 Belden Avenue. **Portillo Deli**, a grocery and small restaurant is open for business at 9655 Franklin Avenue. Thanks for making our Village your home!



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Community Notes

Franklin Ave Railroad Bridge Please note that repair of the Franklin Avenue Rail Road Bridge at Wolf Road will force a single lane of traffic on Franklin Ave causing delays to last through the end of this year.

Railroad Crossing Closing Canadian Pacific Rail will be closing the railroad crossing at 25th Avenue (Rose) from Monday, June 20th through Sunday, July 3rd, to replace sections of the tracks. The closing should take approximately 14 days to complete, but could run over a couple of days due to weather or train traffic.

Bi-Weekly Branch Pick-up Has Begun Branch pick-up will take place every other week for the next several months. Residents should put all reasonably-sized branches in a neat stack, with the cut-end toward the curb, by Monday morning of the pick-up week and branches will be picked up sometime by the end of Friday. Place branches where you have regular garbage pick-up. The Village will remove branches resulting from regular tree trimming and will remove chopped-up small trees, but cannot remove large trees. Also, shrubs will be picked up but the root ball must be removed and put in a separate pile or placed in yard waste bags. Pick-up is scheduled for the weeks of June 6 & 20, July 5 & 18, August 1, 15 & 29, September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24 and November 7 & 21. For more information, call 847-671-8252.

Village-Wide Garage Sale Register now to participate in the garage sale on Friday, July 15, Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17, during the hours of 8AM to 7PM. To register with the Clerk's Office to have your address included on the participation list, call 847-671-8242 or go to Village Hall. A list of those participating in the sale will be available for pick-up in Village Hall on July 14 or via the website at www.vofp.com. This garage sale is a bonus sale and not counted toward the two year limit.

Mylar Balloons Can Cause Power Outages ComEd warns to always keep Mylar balloons tethered to stop them from making contact with electrical lines and causing a surge of electricity, damaging equipment and resulting in power outages, fires and possible injuries. Metallic balloons have caused outages affecting 35,000 customers in 2010. If a balloon becomes entangled in an overhead power line, don't attempt to retrieve it. Instead, call ComEd at 800-334-7661. Always assume power lines are live, and stay 10 feet away from power lines.

New Address for Utility Bill Payments

Beginning with May's utility bills, the Village of Franklin Park began using a new processing center located in Carol Stream. As a result, mailed utility bill payments should now be sent to the following address: Village of Franklin Park Utilities, PO Box 4593, Carol Stream IL 60197-4593. This new address is printed on the return envelope included in your bill.

In addition, you can still put utility bill payments in the deposit drop box at Village Hall or you can make payments in person at Village Hall during our regular hours of operation. If you have any questions regarding payment of utility bills, please call (847) 671-8252.

Upcoming Meetings

June 2
Adjudication Court – 10AM
Senior Citizen Commission – 6PM

June 6
Police & Fire Commission – 6PM
Board of Trustees - 7PM

June 7
Library Board – 7:30PM

June 8
Zoning Board of Appeals - 7PM

June 14
ETS 911 Board - 9AM
Police Pension Board – 5PM

June 16
Adjudication Court – 10AM

June 17
Community Blood Drive – 3-7 PM

June 20
Board of Trustees - 7PM

June 22
Plan Commission – 7PM

June 23
Economic Dev. Commission – 8AM

June 28
Park District Board – 7PM

July 5
Police & Fire Commission – 6PM
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**LEYDEN FAMILY DAYS
IN FRANKLIN PARK
July 1-4, 2011**

**Grand & Mannheim Shopping Center
(Next to Chase Bank)**

Big Carnival, Ride Specials, Lots of Fun!

Celebrating the 4th of July Holiday

Chase Bank, CVS Pharmacy & Sonic Drive-In

HOURS & UNLIMITED RIDE SPECIALS

FRIDAY, JULY 1 – 5:00P TILL 10:30P, \$20.00

SATURDAY, JULY 2 – 4:00P TILL 10:30P, \$20.00

SUNDAY, JULY 3 – 4:00P TILL 10:30P, \$20.00

MONDAY, JULY 4 – 12:00P TILL 5:00p, \$15.00 & 5:00p TILL 10:00P, \$20.00



LOCAL FIREWORKS SHOWS

Northlake Days Fireworks – Centerpoint Park, Wolf Rd.

Saturday, June 25 at 9:30pm (Gates Open at 1:00pm)

R-Gang & American English Performing, Lawn Chairs & Blankets Recommended

Food, Refreshments and Beer Available

Leyden/Veterans Fireworks – West Leyden High School, Wolf Rd.

Saturday, July 2 at 9:30pm (Gates Open at 6:00pm)

Mint Performing, Lawn Chairs & Blankets Recommended

Food & Refreshments Available, No Coolers or Alcohol Allowed

Elmwood Park's Freedom Festival – Elmwood Park H.S., Thatcher & Fullerton

Monday, July 4 at 9:30pm (Gates Open at 6:00pm)

R-Gang Performing, Lawn Chairs & Blankets Recommended

Food, Refreshments & Beer Available, No Coolers or Alcohol Allowed